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I. TITLE/AUTHOR OF CHANGE

COURSE/PROGRAM TITLE MA 110 - Elementary Functions

DEPARTMENT Mathematics

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II. THIS COURSE IS BEING PROPOSED FOR:

Course Approval Only

Course Approval and Liberal Studies Approval

Liberal Studies Approval only (course previously has been approved by the University Senate)

III. APPROVALS

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

COURSE NUMBER: MA 110

COURSE TITLE: Elementary Functions

CREDITS: 3 Semester hours

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

For students not prepared to begin the study of calculus; topics include polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions.

PRESENT TEXT: Algebra and Trigonometry, A Functions Approach
(4th Edition)
by Keedy and Bittinger

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Basic Concepts of Algebra
 - A. Factoring
 - B. Fractional Expressions
 - C. Radical Notation
 - D. Rational Exponents

- II. Equations, Inequalities, and Problem Solving
 - A. Solving Equations and Inequalities
 - B. Fractional Equations
 - C. Formulas and Problem Solving
 - D. Quadratic Equations
 - E. Radical Equations

- III. Relations, Functions, and Transformations
 - A. Relations and Ordered Pairs
 - B. Graphs of Equations
 - C. Functions
 - D. Symmetry
 - E. Transformations
 - F. Some Special Classes of Functions

- IV. Linear and Quadratic Functions and Inequalities
 - A. Lines and Linear Functions
 - B. Quadratic Functions
 - C. Mathematical Models
 - D. Sets, Sentences, and Inequalities
 - E. Equations and Inequalities with Absolute Value
 - F. Quadratic and Rational Inequalities

- V. Polynomials and Rational Functions
 - A. Polynomials and Polynomial Functions

- B. Theorems Concerning Roots of Polynomials
 - C. Graphs of Polynomial Functions
 - D. Rational Functions
 - E. Partial Fractions
- VI. Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
- A. Inverses of Relations
 - B. Exponential and Logarithmic Functions
 - C. Properties of Logarithmic Functions
 - D. Exponential and Logarithmic Equations
- VII. Trigonometric or Circular Functions
- A. The Unit Circle
 - B. The Sine and Cosine Functions
 - C. The Other Basic Circular Functions
 - D. The Functions Interrelated
 - E. Graphs

TIME SCHEDULE:

Chapter	Section	Time
I	4, 5, 7, 8, 9	4 hours
II	1 - 5, 6, 7	6 hours
III	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	5 hours
IV	1 - 5	6 hours
XII	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	8 hours
VII	1, 2, 3, 5	4 hours
VIII	1 - 5	5 hour

SUGGESTED PROBLEMS LIST:

Assign all odd or all even from each section covered. You may want to exclude those exercises which require a calculator. They are clearly marked in the text.

Totals: Lectures: 38 hours
 Review: 1 hour
 Exams: 3 hours

LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL FORM

About this form: Use this form only if you wish to have a course included for Liberal Studies credit. The form is intended to assist you in developing your course to meet the university's Criteria for Liberal Studies, and to arrange your proposal in a standard order for consideration by the LSC and the UWUCC. If you have questions, contact the Liberal Studies Office, 353 Sutton Hall; telephone, 357-5715.

Do not use this form for technical, professional, or pre-professional courses or for remedial courses, none of which is eligible for Liberal Studies. Do not use this form for sections of the synthesis course or for writing-intensive sections; different forms will be available for those.

PART I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. For which category(ies) are you proposing the course? Check all that apply.

LEARNING SKILLS

- First English Composition Course
- Second English Composition Course
- Mathematics

KNOWLEDGE AREAS

- Humanities: History
- Humanities: Philosophy/Religious Studies
- Humanities: Literature
- Fine Arts
- Natural Sciences: Laboratory Course
- Natural Sciences: Non-laboratory Course
- Social Sciences
- Health and Wellness
- Non-Western Cultures
- Liberal Studies Elective

B. Are you requesting regular or provisional approval for this course?

- Regular Provisional (limitations apply, see instructions)

NEW COURSE

C. During the transition from General Education to Liberal Studies, should this course be listed as an approved substitute for a current General Education course, thus allowing it to meet any remaining General Education needs? yes no

If so, which General Education course(s)? MA-110

PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals; most will meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider them to be primary or secondary goals of the course. [For example, a history course might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills.] Keep in mind that no single course is expected to shoulder all by itself the responsibility for meeting these goals; our work is supported and enhanced by that of our colleagues teaching other courses.

	Primary	Secondary
A. Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:		
1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, synthesis, decision making, and other aspects of the critical process.	✓ _____	_____
2. Literacy--writing, reading, speaking, listening	_____	✓ _____
3. Understanding numerical data	✓ _____	_____
4. Historical consciousness	_____	✓ _____
5. Scientific inquiry	_____	✓ _____
6. Values (ethical mode of thinking or application of ethical perception)	_____	✓ _____
7. Aesthetic mode of thinking	✓ _____	_____
B. Acquiring a Body of Knowledge or Understanding Essential to an Educated Person	✓ _____	_____
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C. Understanding the Physical Nature of Human Beings	_____	_____
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D. Certain Collateral Skills:		
1. Use of the library	_____	✓ _____
2. Use of computing technology	_____	✓ _____

ADDENDUM TO LIBERAL STUDIES PROPOSALS: PART II

The Liberal Studies Goals met by the Course MA 110:

A. Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:

1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, synthesis, decision making, and other aspects of the critical process is a primary goal of the course. It is apparent that the study of Mathematics requires that the student become involved in all of these categories. Problem solving requires the student to collect data, to clearly state the problem to be solved, to determine the best method to use that will produce a solution, to analyze and to interpret the outcome, and then to make a judgment about the validity of the work.
2. Literacy—writing, reading, speaking, listening, is a secondary goal of this course. All of these areas can be applied and improved during a course of study in mathematics. Reading skills are absolutely necessary for a clear understanding of the material; the writing of solutions to mathematical problems requires clarity of mind and organization of thought; the requirement of discussing mathematics in the classroom shows the student the importance of clear patterns of thinking and of the expression of those thoughts orally; and listening skills are very important in the understanding of mathematics. These skills can be improved through the writing of tests and of assigned papers, through the oral response to classroom questions, and through the reading of assignments.
3. Understanding numerical data is a primary goal of this course. No data is meaningful without interpretation and the study of mathematics attempts to train the student in the methods and skills needed to interpret data correctly.
4. Historical consciousness is a secondary goal. Students should have some awareness of the historical significance of the role of mathematics in the development of western and other civilizations, and of its meaningful place in the application and utilization of modern technology.
5. Scientific inquiry is a secondary goal. Students should be made aware of the importance of mathematical logic and the role it plays in scientific inquiry, problem solving techniques, and decision making processes. Students should understand that mathematics is the language of science.
6. Aesthetic mode of thinking is a secondary goal. Mathematics to mathematicians and other users is a beautiful art form for communication and discovery. An effort should be made to develop in the student a sense of this beauty and an awareness of its power and utility.

B. Acquiring a Body of Knowledge or Understanding Essential to an Educated Person:

Secondary Goal

Although specific mastery of mathematics is not required of all

students, it is important that students taking mathematics in any form develop a sense of the importance of mathematics to society. In addition, the course of study should develop in the student a feeling of confidence in their own ability to use mathematical skills to generate improvement in the areas of problem solving, decision making, and deductive reasoning.

D. Certain Collateral Skills:

2. Use of computing technology is a secondary goal. Students need to be aware of the technology available in computing whether that technology be computers or calculators. In particular, calculators can be used in this course to increase the range and difficulty of problems that can be solved by students.

PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

- A. If this is a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course, there should be a basic equivalency (though not necessarily uniformity) among the sections in such things as objectives, content, assignments, and evaluation. Note: this should not be interpreted to mean that all professors must make the same assignments or teach the same way; departments are encouraged to develop their courses to allow the flexibility which contributes to imaginative, committed teaching and capitalizes on the strengths of individual faculty.

What are the strategies that your department will use to assure that basic equivalency exists? Examples might be the establishment of departmental guidelines, assignment of responsibility to a coordinating committee, exchange and discussion of individual instructor syllabi, periodic meetings among instructors, etc.

- B. Liberal Studies courses must include the perspectives and contributions of ethnic and racial minorities and of women wherever appropriate to the subject matter. If your attached syllabus does not make explicit that the course meets this criterion, please append an explanation of how it will.

- C. Liberal Studies courses must require the reading and use by students of at least one, but preferably more, substantial works of fiction or nonfiction (as distinguished from textbooks, anthologies, workbooks, or manuals). Your attached syllabus must make explicit that the course meets this criterion.

[The only exception is for courses whose primary purpose is the development of higher level quantitative skills: such courses are encouraged to include such reading, but are not expected to do so at the expense of other course objectives. If you are exercising this exception, please justify here.]

- D. If this is an introductory course intended for a general student audience, it should be designed to reflect the reality that it may well be the only formal college instruction these students will have in that discipline, instead of being designed as the first course in a major sequence. That is, it should introduce the discipline to students rather than introduce students into the discipline. If this is such an introductory course, how is it different from what is provided for beginning majors?

ADDENDUM TO LIBERAL STUDIES PROPOSALS: PART III

B. Whenever appropriate, information will be introduced into the classroom discussion which will reflect the contributions made to mathematics by women and by minorities. Particular attention will be given to the following areas as they relate to this topic:

1. The classroom discussion will be sensitive to gender balancing with respect to language.
2. Quizzes, tests, examinations, and any other written information distributed to the students will be sensitive to gender balancing, especially in problem construction, and to minorities whenever possible.
3. Specific names and contributions made by women and other members of minority groups will be discussed in the classroom when the discussion of such is germane to the material being studied. It should be noted though that mathematics has been the domain of the male throughout history and only in recent time has there been numbers of women involved. Even today, there are too few women in the field of mathematics.

E. The Liberal Studies Criteria indicate six ways in which all courses should contribute to students' abilities. To which of the six will your course contribute? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

- 1. Confront the major ethical issues which pertain to the subject matter; realize that although "suspended judgment" is a necessity of intellectual inquiry, one cannot live forever in suspension; and make ethical choices and take responsibility for them.
- 2. Define and analyze problems, frame questions, evaluate available solutions, and make choices
- 3. Communicate knowledge and exchange ideas by various forms of expression, in most cases writing and speaking.
- 4. Recognize creativity and engage in creative thinking.
- 5. Continue learning even after the completion of their formal education.
- 6. Recognize relationships between what is being studied and current issues, thoughts, institutions, and/or events.

PART IV. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE CURRICULUM CATEGORY IN WHICH IT IS TO BE LISTED?

Each curriculum category has its own set of specific criteria in addition to those generally applicable. The LSC provides copies of these criteria arranged in a convenient, check-list format which you can mark off appropriately and include with your proposal. The attached syllabus should indicate how your course meets each criterion you check. If it does not do so explicitly, please attach an explanation.

PART III (MA 110)

A. There will be a common syllabi of topics that should be covered by each of the individual instructors teaching this course. Such common syllabi should include but not be limited to topics which introduce the student to deductive reasoning, develop in the student problem solving skills, and enable the student not only to understand the underlying principles of formulae but also to have the ability to use and interpret numerical data.

B. Whenever appropriate, information will be introduced into the classroom discussion which will reflect the contributions made to mathematics by women and by racial minorities.

C. Two readings will be assigned during the course. The student is required to respond to each assignment in writing. The purpose of the writing is for each student to formulate and express his/her interpretation and impression of the reading. A reading list for this course is as follows:

- (1) "World of Mathematics" by Newman.
- (2) "Mathematics in Western Culture" by Kline.
- (3) "Women in Mathematics" by Osen.
- (4) "The Mathematical Experience" by Davis and Hersh.
- (5) "Mathematics: An Introduction to Its Spirit and Use" from the "Scientific American".

D. The thrust of MA 110 is not to be remedial in nature but rather to develop in the student an awareness of and an appreciation for the power and usefulness of mathematics and its important role in a technological society, and in particular to prepare the student for the further study of calculus. A partial list of topics that would be appropriate for this course would include basic concepts of algebra; equations, inequalities, and problem solving; relations, functions, and transformations; linear and quadratic functions and inequalities; polynomials and rational functions; exponential and logarithmic functions; and trigonometric or circular functions. These topics would provide the course with a suitable mathematical strata that would improve the mathematical maturity of students to the point where they would be prepared to enroll in calculus. Additionally, this course would enable the student to develop confidence in handling numerical problems, would present the student with an opportunity to develop an appreciation for mathematics, and would allow the introduction to students of hand held calculators and possibly computers.

E. #2.- The very nature of mathematical study requires that problems be clearly analyzed and defined, that solutions be generated for such problems, and that an interpretation be assigned to each possible solution in order that a correct choice may be made.

#4.- Mathematics is exactly the art of creative thinking. One moves from the collection of data to the definition of the problem to the abstract generalization in which a solution or solutions are constructed to the interpretation of the solution or solutions

to the application of the solution(s). This process requires one to recognize creativity and to engage in creative thinking.

#5.- One is constantly exposed to information which needs the principles of mathematics for proper interpretation. Skills mastered in this course can last one a life time.

ADDENDUM TO THE SYLLABUS FOR THE COURSE MA 110

Course Objectives for the Course MA 110:

I. General Objectives:

- A. Students will develop an appreciation for the nature, the breadth, and the power of mathematics and for its role in a technological society.
- B. Students will develop elementary skills in the use and application of algebra.
- C. Students will learn to communicate in the language of mathematics. This learning will involve reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- D. Students will be exposed to basic problem solving skills founded on the principles of mathematics and will learn to apply these skills to situations found in the study of calculus.
- E. Students will become confident in their mathematical awareness and will become adept at the application of basic numerical skills to the study of calculus.
- F. Students will become aware of the meaningful role played in our society by calculators and computers.
- G. Students will use the skills learned in this course to successfully study the topic of calculus.

II. Some Specific Course Objectives:

- A. Students will be able to understand the important role that pattern recognition plays in the study of mathematics.
- B. Students will study the basic concepts of algebra.
- C. Students will apply the concepts of algebra to the study of fundamental equations and inequalities.
- D. Students will use the study of algebra and inequalities to explore the concepts of relation, function, graphs of functions, symmetry of functions, transformations, and special classes of functions.
- E. Students will develop the principles needed for a clear understanding of linear functions, linear inequalities, quadratic functions, and quadratic inequalities.
- F. Students will study the properties of polynomials and their graphs.
- G. Students will study the logarithmic and exponential functions, their inverse relationship, and their graphs.
- H. Students will study the trigonometric functions and their properties and graphs.
- I. All of these topics will prepare the student for a successful study of calculus.

CHECK LIST -- MATHEMATICS
(Learning Skills Area)

Mathematics Criteria which the Course must meet:

- Introduce students to deductive reasoning
- Develop in the student problem solving techniques appropriate for the course.
- Enable the student to understand the underlying principles of formulas.
- Enable the student to use and interpret numerical information.

Courses appropriate to the Mathematics Learning Skills Area must be either:

- A. Mathematics courses that develop significant mathematical skills required by a major discipline.
- B. Mathematics courses designed for Liberal Studies.

Additional criteria which courses in Category B must meet:

- Develop the student's confidence in handling numerical problems and data.
- Be sensitive to the diverse background characteristics of the student.
- Include elements on the history or appreciation of mathematics.
- Introduce the hand-held calculator or the computer as a tool.